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LETTER DATED 26 MARCH 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 17 March 1993 (S/25425) by the Chargé d'affaires of the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia" (Serbia and Montenegro). The letter is a line of unfounded and poorly argumented allegations that the Belgrade authorities are repeatedly rising against the Republic of Croatia and some other countries. All this is aimed to divert the attention from the ties that the Belgrade regime is strengthening with military establishments of Iraq and Peoples Republic of Korea, and its participation in global arms smuggling network, thus providing, among the others, the arms for the Somali war lords. In this respect we would like to strongly deny such allegations by stressing the following:

1. The Republic of Croatia would like to repeat that it is committed to Security Council resolutions 713 and 724 and is acting, in accordance with its own laws and regulations, to prevent criminal actions that violate these resolutions. In case of any criminal activities and violations possibly performed by an international network of individuals, the authorities of the Republic of Croatia are ready to fully cooperate any Government and in any particular matter. We are ready to submit to the legal procedures any Croatian citizens involved in criminal activities, on the grounds of firm and legally respectful evidence. With this respect we would like to declare that the persons mentioned in paragraph 1 of the letter are not the citizens of the Republic of Croatia.

2. With respect to the allegations against Prime Minister Hrvoje Sarinic and the Institute Rudjer Boskovic, we would like to characterize them as most slanderous insinuations, as they are not argumented and are completely unfounded.

3. The Republic of Croatia has indeed published in 1991 a study entitled "Criteria for the election of sites for thermoenergetic and nuclear objects", which deals with the criteria, and no sites are mentioned. The criteria had been subject to the International Atomic Energy Agency review, and are thus approved.

We would like to stress that the Republic of Croatia has recently become the member of the International Atomic Energy Agency and is fully applying all the provisions of its rules and procedures. The well-established communication

with the IAEA is of the primary interest of the Republic of Croatia, and any inspection at any time and on whatever subject is welcomed.

The Republic of Croatia has on 29 June 1992 jointed the Treaty of Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and is fully complying with its provisions. This treaty was among the first that we have committed ourselves to. The firm stand of our Government is in favour of gradual disappearances of nuclear weapons and preventing its proliferation, and it is firmly determined to cooperate towards achieving that goal. We are supporting the initiatives aimed at strengthening the region of Central and South Europe as nuclear-arms-free zones.

I should be grateful, Your Excellency, if you could have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mario NOBILO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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